

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 17: Residential Licensing Section 01: Initial Licensing Process	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The initial licensing process prepares an applicant to meet all the rules for a Licensed Residential Facility. During this process, the applicant turns in paperwork that explains how they will keep children healthy, safety, and well-cared for.

POLICY STATEMENT

DCS works with facilities that want to become licensed as a Child Caring Institution (CCI), Private Secure Facility (PSF), or Group Home (GH) and gives guidance during the licensing process.

Applicants must turn in all required documents to get licensed.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-3: Chapter 3. Regulation of Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [IC 31-27-3-5: Grounds for denial of license application; waiver](#)
- [IC 31-27-5: Chapter 5. Regulation of Group Homes](#)
- [465 IAC 2-9 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [465 IAC 2-10 Emergency Shelter Care Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions](#)
- [465 IAC 2-11 Private Secure Facilities](#)
- [465 IAC 2-12 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions Defined as Group Homes](#)
- [465 IAC 2-13 Children's Homes and Child Caring Institutions Defined as Emergency Shelter Care Group Homes](#)